



ALEXANDRIA.

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 9.

THE NEW YORK *Sun* says that when the chairman of the St. Louis convention called upon those who favored the resolution expressing sincere sorrow for the illness of Gen. Sheridan to stand up, most of those from the South sat still, and it criticizes them for doing so. Well, no right sort of man is gratified at the providential misfortunes of any other man, no matter what his feelings towards him may be. But it should not have been expected that the men whom Gen. Sheridan had asked of his government permission to treat as banditti, and those of the sections of the country he so devastated that he boasted a crow in flying over them would have to carry its rations, would have subjected themselves to the natural imputation of insincerity by a public expression of sorrow for him. Then, too, the resolution was out of place, and had a similar resolution been introduced in respect of any distinguished Southern General, few sensible men would have deemed it at all strange if most of the Northern delegates had sat still.

SENTIMENTALISM is now predominant. Hereafter murderers in New York who have crushed the skulls, broken the bones, and cut, slashed and perforated the flesh of their victims, and inflicted misery upon the relatives thereof, are to shuffle off this mortal coil, not in public by hanging, with all its attendant horrors and physical sufferings, highly calculated as those are to deter spectators from the commission of such crimes, but in secret, and instantaneously and without pain, by electricity. To deprive human nature capital punishment is the most effective criminal deterrent that can be applied, and the experience of the world shows that the new law of New York will not be conducive to obedience to the 6th commandment.

THE ONLY reference in the democratic platform of 1884 to civil service was contained in the following six words: "We favor honest civil service reform." But the President thought those six words compelled him to retain in office eighty per cent. of the republicans he found therein when he took charge of the government. It is hoped the fact that the platform of 1888 has not the slightest reference to civil service reform, not even one single word, while not implying any half concealed censure, may induce the President to believe that the men who have renominated, and who hope to elect him would be better pleased if the percentage of democrats in the federal offices were larger.

ON THE very day the national democratic convention resolved to endorse the democratic platform of 1884, the iron manufacturers of the West met at Pittsburg and determined to make a reduction of ten per cent. in the wages of the labor they employ. The platform of 1884 was prepared by Mr. Randall, the chief of the protectionists. This does not look as if protection protects labor to any considerable extent.

THE assertion that possession is nine points in the law implies that the law has ten points. But in consequence of the sundry and diverse decisions in the coupon cases, the impression is gaining ground that the law either has no points, at all, or else that they are innumerable. But such an impression among the people of a State is by no means conducive to the preservation of their moral and manners.

THE GAZETTE yesterday alluded to the sorry figure the South cut at St. Louis. See what the editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, who was at St. Louis, says in another column in respect of the same subject.

From Washington.

[Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9, 1888. Representative Gaines, of Virginia, says he was on the stand at the Petersburg convention when the kickers bolted, and that the number he saw leave did not amount to more than twenty, and that he has never heard that the kickers claimed to have carried out more than sixty uncontested delegates; that so far as the 31st and 34th districts are concerned, he knows that the bolters have no following, and that should the Chicago convention shut its eyes to patent facts and prefer a few men with no party behind them to the real republican party of Virginia, the regularly organized and disciplined party of the State, well officered and with full ranks, it would do what was never done before, and is so improbable that he has not considered what the result would be. On the contrary, Mr. Causey, an ex-republican member of the Virginia legislature, from Nansemond county, in the black belt, says he wishes he was as certain of winning a prize in a lottery as he is that the anti-Mahone delegates will be admitted, and that in his section of the State three fourths of the republican voters are opposed to Mahone.

There was no session of the Senate to-day, and the president pro tem. of that body, Mr. Ingalls, has gone to Connecticut. The House at an early hour resumed the consideration of the tariff bill, the section under debate being that relating to flax and hemp. The result of the debate on wood and salt was to leave both those articles on the free list. The debate on the bill is dragging its apparently interminable end wearily along, nobody seeming to have the faintest idea of its termination. It is understood the democrats will hold consultations to-night, to-morrow, and Monday, and try to devise some means by which a vote on the bill can be reached within a reasonable time. The action of the St. Louis convention does not seem to have added any strength to the bill. In the House to-day Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, the man Senator Voorhees denounced in his recent speech, and who insulted the ex-Confederates in Alexandria on Decoration

Day two or three years ago, attempted to create some excitement by introducing a resolution designating a day for the consideration of the arrangement of pensions bill, but signally failed, as the Speaker, as soon as it was read, and before anybody could utter a word, said that under the rules it would be referred to the Committee on Rules, and immediately recognized Mr. Mills, who moved to go on with the tariff debate.

Representative Bowden of Virginia says he has conversed with a good many of his republican colleagues on the subject of the division of his party in Virginia, and that while all of them express the hope that the division may be healed, not a single one when the conditions of the difference were explained to them hesitated to express the opinion that the Mahone delegates would be admitted at Chicago, and should be. He says there is really nothing in the reports about the existence of any defection among the colored elements of the party.

Many of the delegates and others who attended the St. Louis convention have returned. The gist of what they say about the action of the convention is that it was a beautiful piece of machinery work, that it had all been arranged beforehand, even to the applause, and that every word and jolt and strap moved smoothly and without the slightest friction. Outside the hall of the convention and at the hotels when the clubs were marching by, there was no enthusiasm, though every democrat acquiesced in what was done, and expressed the hope that it was for the best, and that the result would prove its wisdom.

The most knowing members of the republican party here seem to think that the wisest course for that party to pursue, in consequence of the unanimity with which the St. Louis ticket was nominated, will be to follow that example, and when all the various aspirants for the nomination at Chicago shall have been named in the convention, some distinguished member will rise and move that the strongest man, and the most magnetic, Mr. Blaine, be nominated by acclamation, and that that motion will be adopted with a hurrah; and that the ticket will be completed in the same way by the nomination of Gen. Harrison, of Indiana.

In the House yesterday Mr. Gaines, of Virginia, from the committee on war claims, reported back favorably a bill for the relief of the heirs of Dr. Theodore Bland, of Virginia. Mr. Browne, of Virginia, called up the bill for the relief of Wm. Tabb, of Spottsylvania county, Virginia. Mr. Holman called for the report on it. Mr. Browne asked to dispense with the reading of the report. Mr. Randall objected; but before the reading was completed the hour for recess arrived, and the bill had to go over. Mr. Gaines presented a petition of certain citizens of Virginia for the better protection of agriculture.

General Mahone is here and will remain here until he starts for Chicago. He has had consultations with those members of the Virginia congressional delegation present who are members of his wing of the republican party in his State, and with republicans from the North respecting the admission of his delegates to the Chicago convention, and is assured that those delegates will be admitted. The General has prepared his side of the case and has had it printed. He has just read the circular issued by the Wise wing of his party, and says it is full of the grossest errors and misstatements. He is stopping at Chamberlain's. It is understood that his difference with Mr. Wice is for keeps. The General has chartered a car to take him and his friends to Chicago. Among those he has invited to go with him are ex-Postmaster Windsor, of Alexandria and his son, Mr. Richard Windsor. The General says the recent Gorman expose is entirely correct, and that Garfield did "scur on him" after the former's election, and after the organization of the Senate on a republican basis had been secured.

The Virginia democratic association of this city at their meeting last night resolved to celebrate the national democratic convention with a banquet at their rooms next Friday night. All the democratic members of the Virginia congressional delegation will be invited and all the other Virginia democrats in the city. The rooms will be profusely decorated, a band of music will be in attendance, and there will be a display of fireworks in front of the building.

On the 26th instant the national democratic committee will meet here. On the same day the committee appointed by the national democratic convention to notify the President officially of his renomination will discharge that agreeable duty. It is expected that the night of that day there will be a grand ratification meeting here, arrangements for which are already in progress. It is believed that no other suitable man wants the chairmanship of the national democratic committee, and that Mr. Barnum, though he is tired of it, will be forced to accept it for another term, and that Mr. Gorman will again be the man of the executive committee of that committee.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

St. Louis has resumed its normal condition after the democratic national convention.

The democratic nominees for President and Vice President will be formally notified of their nomination on June 26.

The car stables at Montreal were burned yesterday, and one hundred and thirty four horses perished. Loss \$100,000.

A divorce has been granted in London to the wife of Rev. Henry White Melville, who eloped in December last with the daughter of Captain Dunne, late governor of the Castle of Dublin.

John Allen Crittenden, brother of ex-Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, died at Frankfort, Ky., yesterday. He had laryngitis, and the operation of laryngotomy was performed on him Thursday. He was about sixty years old.

Yesterday in the Circuit Court in Washington the cases of Wm. Nitzzy and Rudolph Hassler, against the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company, were decided by the verdict of the jury for \$500 each. The similar suit of Susan E. Brown was tried with a like result. These suits were for damages to property on Maryland avenue, between 12th and 13th streets southwest, from cinders, gas, smoke, etc., from passing trains.

Mr. Thurman.

A party of newspaper men called on Mr. Thurman yesterday at Columbus, Ohio. After he had been greeted by one of the party he said: "The first time I ever saw Henry Ward Beecher the reverend gentleman examined me rather critically, and remarked, 'Well, you are a pretty good looking man for a democrat; and, so looking at you gentlemen before me, I must say, you are pretty decent looking fellows for journalists. I do not see that you have any particular gaffs, spurs, swords or daggers about you, nevertheless, I desire to say that you gentlemen look as if you would discharge your duties fairly and fearlessly. Now, if you wish to do me a real service, let it be this: write a speech for me and publish it as coming from me, and be sure to put in it here and there 'Great applause.' Also speak well of my stalwart health.'—a suggestion that caused some merriment, in which the Judge himself joined heartily. 'Tell them,' he continued, 'you do not know any man except Sullivan, of Boston, with whom I can be compared. Do all this in your best style, and you will pay a great compliment to the Old Man, as they call him, young man as you see him for yourselves. I thank you for the honor you have done me by this call, and hope you will have a pleasant ride home.'"

Mr. Thurman Speaks.

Mr. Thurman made a little speech at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday, to the returning delegates from St. Louis. He said:

"I understand that many good people say, and no doubt think, and I do not deny the justice of their thought, that I am too old [laughter] to run for Vice-President. [Renewed laughter and a voice: 'We'll see about that.'] Those people who say so, and who doubtless think so, do not understand the effect upon an old democrat of such kindness as I received at your hands and at the hands of the rest of the democracy of the United States. [Cheers.] Why I feel about ten years younger, at the least calculation. [Laughter and renewed cheers:] a voice:—'I can say twenty.' Well, I think it will be twenty before twenty days. [Renewed laughter.] Last night I stood here to speak to my fellow-citizens who came out to greet me, and upon my word, expecting to speak about five minutes I find I spoke twenty minutes in full voice and with immense fervor and vigor. [Continued laughter and applause.] And, I should not be surprised if I should make such a fool of myself between now and the second Tuesday, or the first Tuesday, or whatever Tuesday it is in October—[laughter and voices:—'November.']—November I mean—that I should be prancing around making speeches like a young man just out of teens. [Renewed laughter and applause.] But now, gentlemen, let me be serious a little. You know, gentlemen of the Ohio delegation, that when you were kind enough to call on me before you went to St. Louis I told you, and God knows it was the honest truth, that I did not want the nomination; that what I wanted was peace and quiet, but that it was impossible for me to say that I would not refuse a nomination, for that would make me a candidate at once, and, therefore, surrounded with these difficulties, I could conceive of no other way, no other resolution than to place myself in your hands and I did so freely, honestly, fairly, loyally, trusting that you would take care of my honor as well as the interests of the democratic party. [Cheers.] Now gentlemen I do not undertake to speak for the party and say whether you have done wisely or not, but I do speak for myself and say that you have done fairly and honorably and uprightly by me, and that as long as I live I shall always bear towards you a grateful heart and a pleasant recollection. [Applause.]

"Gentlemen, I thank you for your efforts; I thank you for what you have done, and whether I shall be successful or not successful, there is one thing of which I cannot be deprived, and that is the gratification of knowing that I have the good-will and support of our friends and fellow-citizens of Ohio, but of the people, I think, of the United States. [Continued applause.] Now, gentlemen, I do not think I ought to say anything more, for fear, as my friend Lowenstein would say, that I would paralyze you. [Great laughter.] I do not want to do that. I hope that every man of you will do as I have done on the ticket, and will not stop to take the consequences, and that the people of Ohio, but of the people, I think, of the United States. [Continued applause.] Now, gentlemen, I do not think I ought to say anything more, for fear, as my friend Lowenstein would say, that I would paralyze you. [Great laughter.] I do not want to do that. 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